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Sir:  
With reference to the filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office  
of an application for patent in the name(s) of:  
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entitled:  
EXTERNAL STORAGE APPARATUS AND CONTROL APPARATUS THEREOF, AND DATA  
TRANSMISSION/RECEPTION APPARATUS

Continuing Application

Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-Part (CIP)  
of prior application serial no. 09/086,788, filed May 28, 1998.

[Note: If priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 involves a series of respectively copending  
applications, then in this amendment identify each and its relationship to its immediate  
predecessor.]

The prior application is assigned of record to SONY CORPORATION.

The following are enclosed:

Specification ( 17 pages)

Sheet(s) of Drawings

Claim(s) (including 2 independent claim(s))

This application contains a multiple dependent claim

Our check for \$ 760.00, calculated on the basis of the claims  
existing in the prior application (less any claims canceled herein) as  
amended by any enclosed preliminary amendment as follows:

Basic Fee, \$760.00 (\$380.00)	.....	\$ 760.00
Number of Claims in excess of 20 at \$18.00 (\$9.00) each:	.....	-0-
Number of Independent Claims in excess of 3 at \$78.00 (\$39.00) each:	.....	-0-
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee at \$260.00 (\$130.00)	.....	\$ 760.00
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This application is being filed within the first month following the  
expiration of the term originally set therefor in the prior application.  
This is a petition to request a 1-month extension of time. A check  
covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

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- Oath or Declaration and Power of Attorney  
 New  signed  unsigned  
 Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d))

Deletion of Inventors

- Signed Statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))

Power of Attorney or Correspondence Address Change

- Power of attorney and/or correspondence address was changed during prosecution of the prior application. The new power of attorney is to William S. Frommer, Reg. No. 25,506. The new correspondence address is indicated above.

- Incorporation by Reference (for continuation or divisional application) The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.  
(Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

- Cancel in this application original claims 2-18 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

- New formal drawings are enclosed.

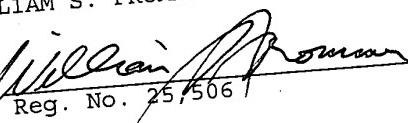
- Certified copy of each foreign priority application on which the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 is based was filed in prior U.S. application serial no. 09/086,788, filed May 28, 1998. A list of said foreign priority application(s) is provided below. Acknowledgement thereof is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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